Decrease in research students in science fields

3248. SHRI R.K. ANAND: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that every year there is a gradual decrease in the ratio of students that are going for research in various science fields after higher degrees;

(b) if so, the year-wise details of students that went into research for various fields throughout the country during the last three years;

(c) whether there is much scope for research after students obtain their higher degrees then the percentage of students opting for research after finishing their degrees; and

(d) what steps Government are willing to take to help more students going for research?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Implementation of carrier-oriented education

3249. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian education system does not equip students with skills and is not job-oriented;

(b) if so, whether Government have made vocational education a focus area and industry and corporate bodies have been roped in as part of the effort to provide education with vocational relevance; and

(c) whether Government have received any suggestions from the State Governments to implement carrier-oriented education?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) to (c) The existing Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Vocationalisation of Secondary Education at +2 level is being revised. Under the revised scheme the industry and user organizations will be

involved at all stages of implementation of the scheme from identification of courses, preparation and design of curriculum to actual on-site training. The courses shall be competency based, modular in nature and demand driven based on the need-based, surveys to make them more employment-oriented. Opportunity for acquistion of multiple skills shall be available to students to improve their employability. The inputs received from various State Governments have been kept in mind while preparing the revised scheme.

Amendment in Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act

3250. DR. ABRAR AHMED:
SHRI RAJEEV SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government propose to amend the Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, on the recommendations of the National Commission for Women; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI JASKAUR MEENA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The recommendations made by National Commission for Women have been circulated to all States/UTs, Central Ministries concerned for their comments, which are awaited.

Alternative premises for HAS

3251. SHRI KARTAR SINGH DUGGAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) alternative premises under consideration of Government for shifting Indian Institute of Advanced Study from Rashtrapati Niwas in Shimla;

(b) whether it can be accommodated elsewhere in Shimla itself or Dalhousie or some other quite hill station; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the institute is being brought to Noida, if so, will it not add to the congestion in the capital?